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VIA ECF

Honorable Paul B. Gardephe
United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York
United States Courthouse
40 Centre St.
New York, New York 10007

Re: *United States v. Gonzalez, et al.*, 18 Cr. 601 (PGG)

Dear Judge Gardephe:

Along with Michael Tremonte of the law firm of Sher Tremonte LLP, I represent defendant Jean-Claude Landji in the above referenced case. As Your Honor knows, I am retiring at the end of this month. In accordance with the discussion at yesterday's pretrial conference, I respectfully request that Your Honor relieve me from my assignment to represent Mr. Landji. Mr. Tremonte will continue to represent Mr. Landji.

Respectfully submitted,

s/James R. DeVita

James R. DeVita

cc: All Counsel (By CF)

MEMO ENDORSED

The Application is granted.

SO ORDERED:


Paul G. Gardephe, U.S.D.J.

Dated: December 18, 2020